

## Coach wrestling with problems

By Larry Stunkel

A number of problems face UNL wrestling coach Orval Borgialli this season. One is that the team averages just over one year of total experience; the other is a serious lack of depth in the upper weights.

Then there is the match with Colorado Mines at Golden, Friday, and another meet with the University of Colorado Saturday at Boulder.

Borgialli admits he isn't sure what to expect because he knows very little about either school, and because his team had a disappointing showing at the Bison Open in Fargo, N.D., last weekend.

### Colorado enthusiastic

"Colorado has a new coach, so they should be pretty enthusiastic," Borgialli said. "And I think we can beat Colorado Mines."

Borgialli, entering his eleventh season at Nebraska, called his team's performance at Fargo "very poor."

One area Borgialli said his team should do well in is balance, since there are capable performers at each weight. Inexperience and injuries could still plague the Huskers all season, since there are four freshmen and two sophomores in his starting lineup.

"After we get by our first men in the upper weights, we have no depth at all," Borgialli said. "There is a big difference between our first and second

men. We can't afford injuries."

### Personnel returning

Top personnel returning this fall are: Bruce Conger at heavyweight; Bill Hoffman at 177 lbs. and Bob Johnson at 190, both of whom placed third in the Big 8 last year; Tony Jennings at 142 lbs; Denny Zuk at 126 lbs; and promising newcomers, Tim Rimpley and Tom Knoblich, at 118 and 158 lbs., respectively.

Rimpley, a three-time state champion from Gordon, drew praise from Borgialli for his performance Saturday. Knoblich was a junior college all-American last year.

Borgialli said Conger placed the best at the meet in Fargo, taking a third place.

Besides Rimpley, two other freshmen in the Husker line-up are: Doug Hassig, a 150 pounder from Overland, Kan., where he was a two-time state champ; Richard Hill a 167 lb. Lincoln native; and Doug Jones, a 134 lb. state runnerup from Chadron.

### Correction...

There are 32 female and 38 male members in the University of Nebraska Rodeo Assoc. instead of one female and six male members as was reported in the **Daily Nebraskan** last Thursday.

## Spikers try for title

By Pete Wegman

Teams from seven states will participate in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Region Six volleyball tournament, according to tournament director Jan Callahan.

The tournament runs today through Saturday at the Women's Physical Education Bldg. Some games originally were scheduled for the Coliseum but Callahan said problems with the building's lighting caused a change in plans.

Each of the seven states (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri) will send their two top teams. The 14 teams will be split into two seven-team pools.

Each pool will be involved in round-robin play Thursday and Friday. The top four from each pool will advance to the single elimination round Saturday. The finals will be Saturday night at 8:30 in Women's Physical Education 313.

State champion Kearney State and the runner-up University of Nebraska team will represent Nebraska in the tournament. UNL faces the University of Kansas, last year's AIAW Region Six champions, Thursday at 2:15 p.m. in Rm. 123.

According to Callahan, no single team stands heads and shoulders over the others, but, "Southwestern Missouri State and the University of Kansas are probably the strongest."

According to Callahan, UNL's team has a shot at the Region Six title. "If we play well, top-notch, I think we're capable of winning the whole thing," she said.

The tournament's top two teams will advance to the nationals at Portland State in Oregon. There twenty teams will compete for the AIAW national title.

## Basketball team could be big winner with effort

With the start of the basketball season just over a week away, Husker coach Joe Cipriano is fretting. Following Tuesday's Red-White intrasquad game, he expressed concern that his team is not exerting the effort that might be expected with the first game so close at hand.

"The effort is the thing that's going to concern us," he said. "If we have one weakness right now, we felt they haven't pushed themselves in practice. They have to have a little pride."

In Tuesday's game, the players did show more pressure on defense after a halftime tongue-lashing. The familiar sound of assistant coach Moe Iba yelling encouragement and sometimes admonishments from the bench kept them hustling.

Two of the players Cipriano cited for having particularly slow starts are Rickey Harris and Steve Erwin. They are battling Bob Siegel for the starting forward spots.

### Eight-man team

Those three along with guards Jerry Fort, Steve Willis and Kent Reckewey and centers Larry Cox and Ron Taylor form the nucleus of what again appears to be an eight-man team. About mid-season last year, Cipriano chose eight men as his top players, and they played

virtually the entire time the rest of the campaign.

The fact that there are close struggles for starting berths is pleasing to Cipriano.

"That's a healthy situation as far as we're concerned," he said.

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One of the closest struggles is at the center position, where Taylor vaulted himself into starting consideration with a 34-point performance in the Red-White game. He also showed more aggressiveness on the boards in grabbing 15 rebounds.

However, he showed defensive lapses at times, an unforgivable offense on the defense-oriented Husker squad. In that respect, Cox has the upper hand.

"He's stronger fundamentally on defense than me," Taylor said. "In our pressure-type

defense, you can't let your man catch the ball in certain areas."

If Taylor can learn to keep his man from getting the ball, he could be a formidable threat.

### Fort shows improvement

As usual, Fort had a typically fine game, totaling 23 points. He has led the Huskers in scoring the past two years, but his shooting percentage has left something to be desired. However, Cipriano said he has been taking better percentage shots this year, which was reflected in a 52 per cent shooting mark in the Red-White game.

"Fort has shown in practice that he's certainly improved over last year," he said.

Besides better shot selection, Fort said his new pair of contact lenses should help his percentage. He got them about a month ago and is still adjusting.

Another added dimension to Fort's game is his frequent drive up the middle of the lane. Sometimes he will twist all the way to the basket himself, but if covered, he has shown the ability to drop the ball off to the open man for an easy lay-up.

With a quicker team and an improved fast-break offense, all it should take is a little effort to make the Huskers a big winner.

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